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SUBJ: OPPOSITION WINS BY-ELECTION

OPPOSITION FIANNA FAIL PARTY EASILY WON BY-ELECTION HELD NOVEMBER 13 IN DISTRICT OF CORK NORTHEAST. OPPOSITION VICTORY WAS EXPECTED, AND DOES NOT ALTER PARTY STRENGTHS IN DAIL, SINCE VACANCY HAD BEEN CAUSED BY DEATH OF ANOTHER FIANNA FAIL DEPUTY. MOST INTERESTING FEATURE OF ELECTION IS THAT VOTE OF ALL THREE LEADING PARTIES DROPPED, WHILE THAT OF "OFFICIAL" SINN FEIN INCREASED. FIANNA FAIL VOTE WAS DOWN ONLY SLIGHTLY FROM LAST GENERAL ELECTION, TO JUST UNDER 50 PERCENT. FINE GAEL VOTE WAS DOWN BY 2 PERCENT, WHICH IS NOT A SERIOUS DECLINE FOR MAIN GOVERNMENT PARTY IN A MID-TERM BY-ELECTION. LABOR PARTY VOTE, ALREADY SMALL, VIRTUALLY COLLAPSED (DOWN FROM 4.7 PERCENT OF TOTAL TO 3.0 PERCENT).1 OFFICIAL SINN FEIN CANBADECE WON 13.3 PERCENT OF VOTES, WHICH IS MORE THAN DOUBLE SINN FEIN'S SCORE IN 1973 GENERAL ELECTION. THIS IS EXCEPTIONALLY GOOD ELECTORAL PERFORMANCE PUT UP FOR EITHER BRANCH OF SINN FEIN. IT APPEARS TO BE LARGELY THE RESULT OF PERSONAL POPULARITY OF CANDIDATE, WHO WAS A HARD-WORKING LOCAL BOY. CORK IS TRADITIONALLY A REPUBLICAN DISTRICT, HOWEVER, AND THERE MAY HAVE BEEN SOME SWING TO SINN FEIN FROM EIGHTEEN YEAR-OLD

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VOTERS (WHO WERE PARTICIPATING IN AN ELECTION FOR FIRST TIME). FOR

NOW, POLITICAL ANALYSTS ARE CONSIDERING THIS AN ISOLATED CASE.

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